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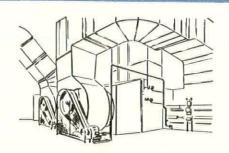
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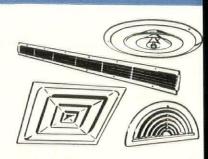


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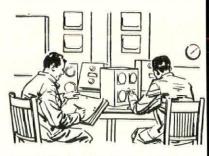


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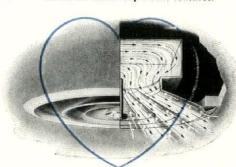
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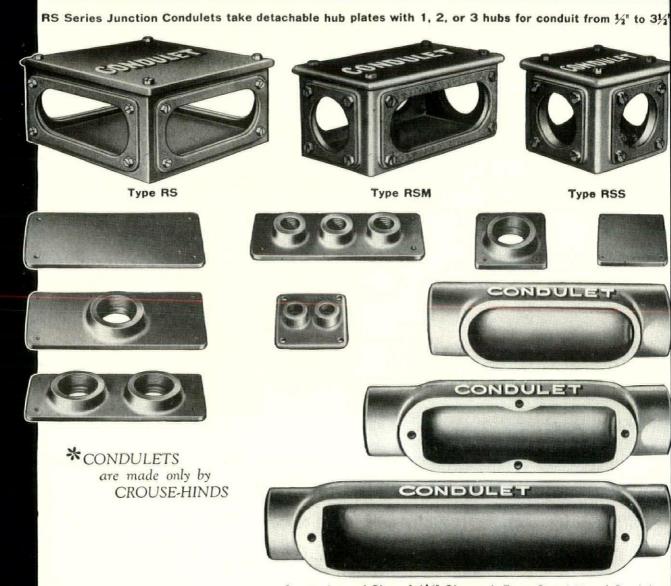


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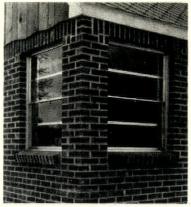
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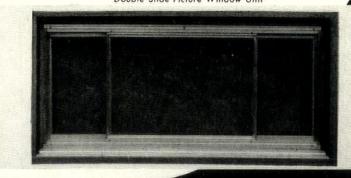


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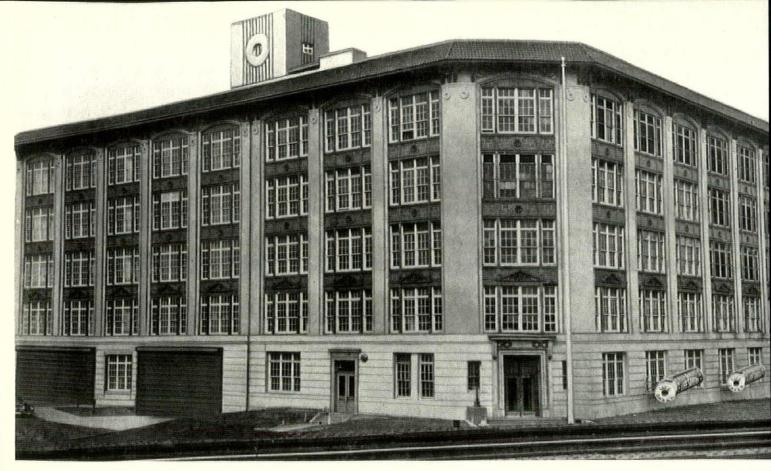
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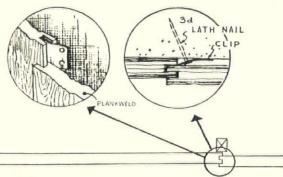
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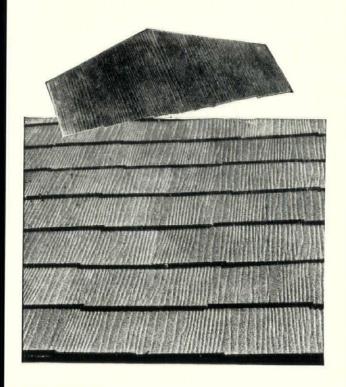
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### NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

### Five Scholarships Offered to Architectural Students

Mr. Vito P. Battista, Director of the Institute of Design and Construction, 26 Court St., Brooklyn, has announced the establishment of five scholarships valued at \$500.00 each for students attending public, parochial and private schools in the City of New York. The scholarships will apply toward tuition at any university in the United States.

Henry V. Murphy, President of the New York State Association of Architects has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the committee for an Institute sponsored dinner to be held October 14 at Hotel Towers, New York. A detailed announcement of the scholarship plans will be made at the dinner.

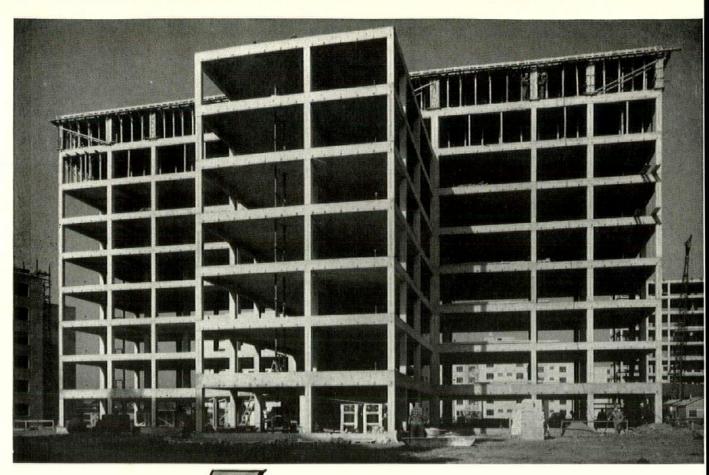
Said Mr. Battista, "In my many years as an instructor and architectural consultant, I have seen talented students drop out because of the inability to pay for their university training. I have discussed the matter with educators and leaders in the field of architecture and the establishment of the scholarship plan is the outcome of those discussions. We shall commence with five scholarships and hope to extend the scope of the plan from year to year."

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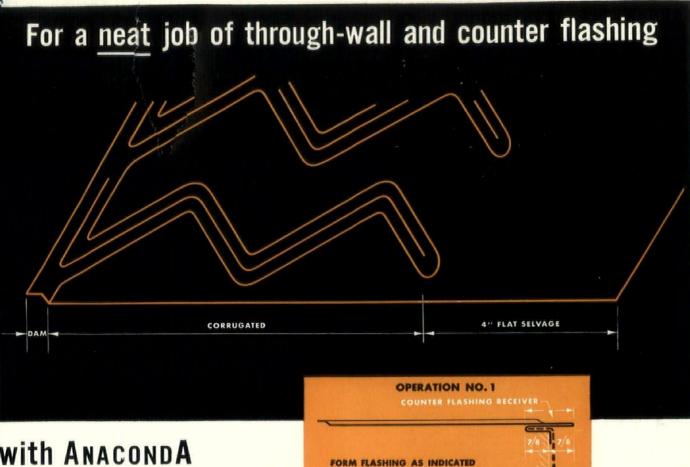
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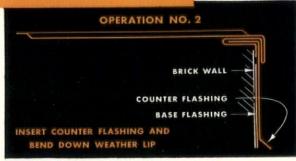
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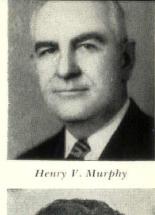


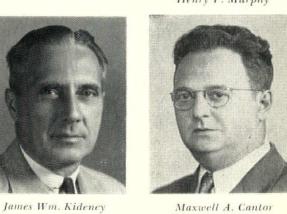


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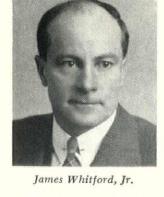
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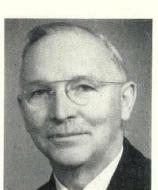




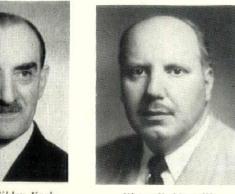
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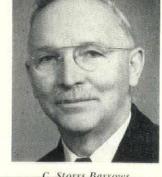


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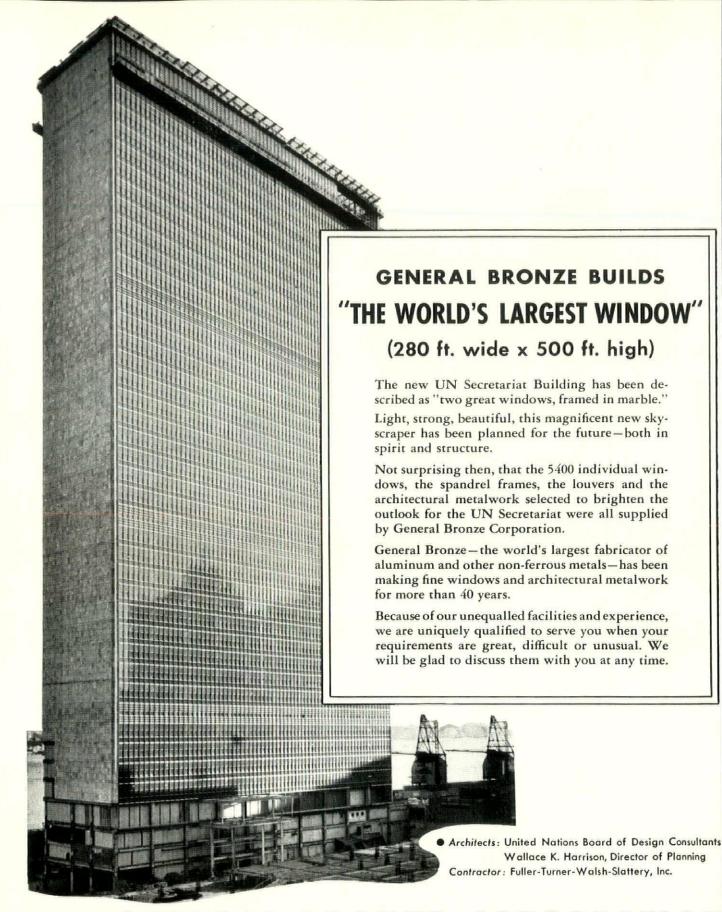












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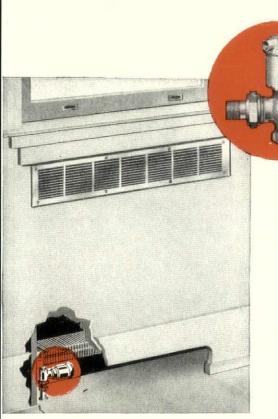
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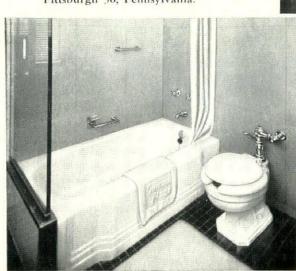
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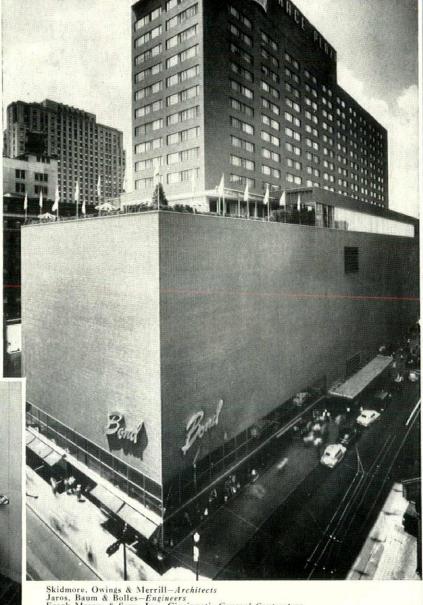
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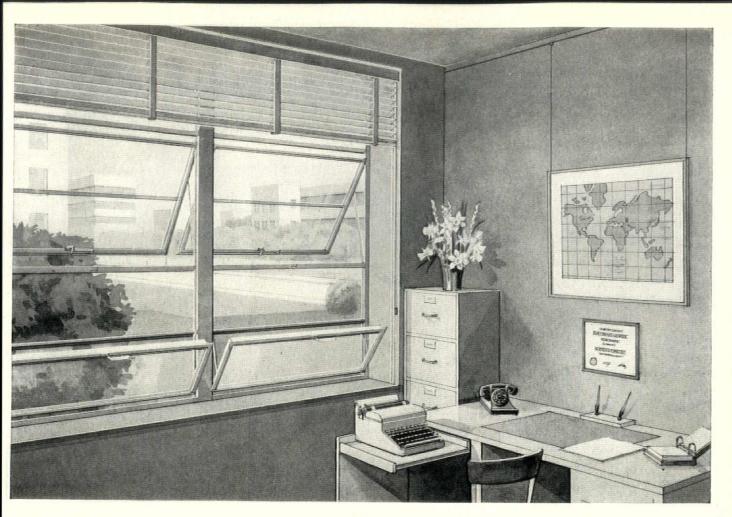


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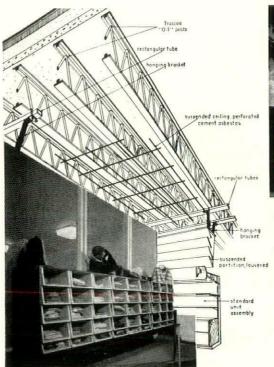
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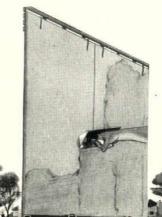
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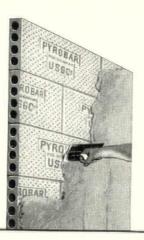
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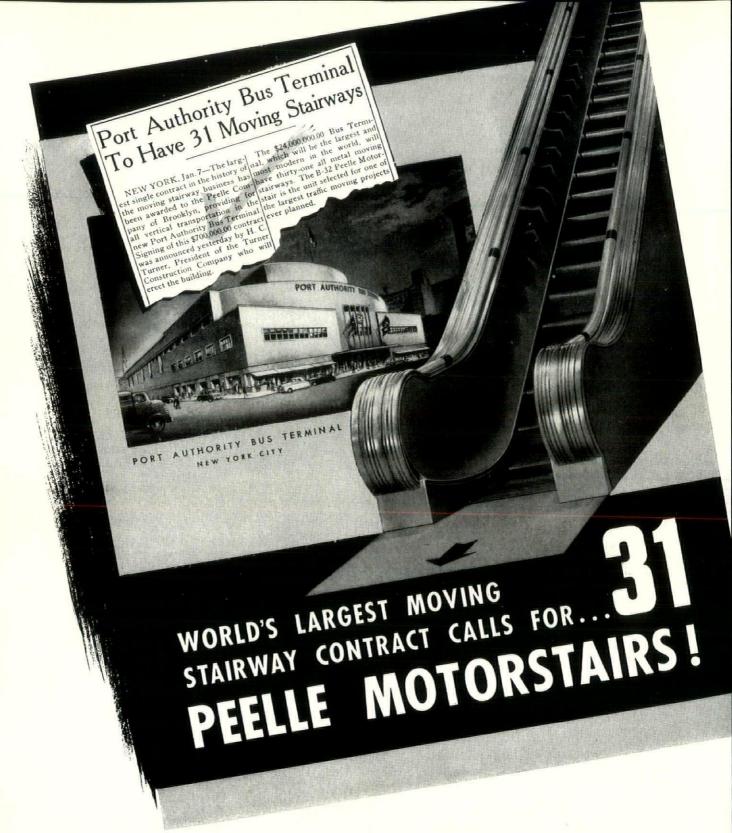


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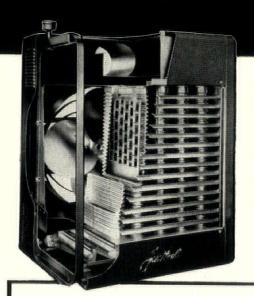
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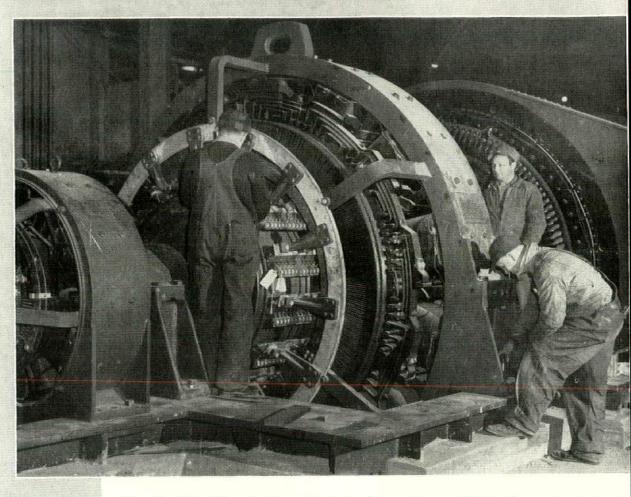
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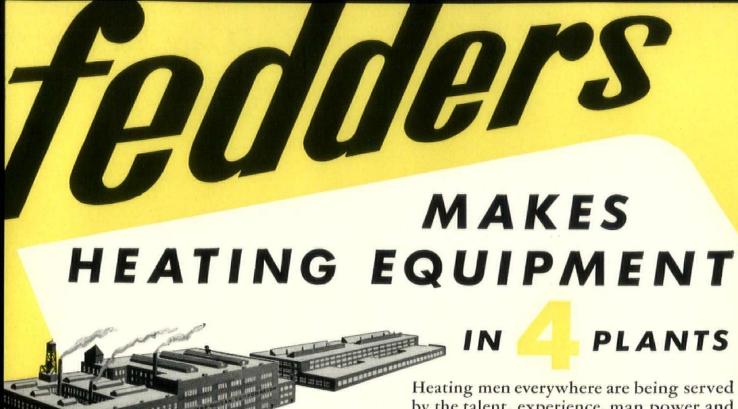
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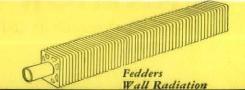
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A cordial invitation is extended to every member of the New York State Association of Architects, including their wives, sweethearts and friends to be present at the Annual Convention to be held at the Hotel Syracuse, in the City of Syracuse, November 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Recently your President attended a meeting of the Convention Committee, and from the reports of the various members of the Committee, he can assure you that our hosts, "The Boys from Syracuse" and the Central New York Chapter of The American Institute of Architects are arranging a magnificent program of interesting events for the members and also the ladies whose presence will add much to the success and enjoyment of the gathering.

Of the fourteen Constituent Organizations which comprise the New York State Association of Architects, your President thus far during the year has visited eight,—including the Brooklyn Chapter, Brooklyn Society, Staten Island Chapter, New York Society, Long Island Chapter, Bronx Chapter, Syracuse Society and the Rochester Society, and found each busily engaged in constructive programs not only pertaining to their own interests but to the interests of Civic Organizations in their community, as well.

Your President accepted an invitation to the Annual Convention of the New Jersey Chapter American Institute of Architects and the New Jersey Society of Architects, held on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th, in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The Convention was well attended, the business meetings and seminars were inspiring, and the week-end was a great success.

MANY events of interest to all architects in the State of New York have been resolved into definite action, and much has been accomplished during the past year by the various committees of the State Association.

The alarm of the grave and tragic Korean situation has resulted in the formation by our Constituent Organizations of Defense Committees, with personnel to cooperate with City, State and Federal Agencies.

In the field of housing much has been accomplished through the efforts of the Chairman and his Committee on Housing. Many conferences were held with the Honorable Herman T. Stichman, Commissioner of Housing of the State of New York, resulting in the adoption of a schedule of adequate architectural fees.

The efforts of our Unification Committee were terminated at our March Board of Directors Meeting, when Arthur Holden, Regional Director of the New York Area, representing The American Institute of Architects, presented to the Association a Charter designating the Association as official representative of The American Institute of Architects within the confines of New York State. Much thanks is due to the Unification Committee, composed of Mathew W. Del Gaudio, George Bain Cummings and James W. Kideney, for their untiring and selfless efforts in achieving this recognition.

THE alertness of the Legislative Committee during this year's Legislative sessions in Albany is responsible for both the approval of bills greatly in the interests of the architect and the public and the prevention of passage of bills which would have proven detrimental to the architectural profession.

The Publication Committee has held several meetings, and a most interesting one on August 25th, which your President attended, in Syracuse. You will be interested in the report of this Committee at the Convention, because many policies have been formulated with the aim to make the "Empire State Architect" more interesting and of greater service to its readers.

Many other events have taken place and at the Convention you will hear your stewards render their reports. Topics of interest to all architects in the State will be discussed from the Convention floor. The gathering should do much to build a closer bond of cooperation in our common effort to serve the public. You should be there to take part and offer constructive suggestions that will make the State Association better able to serve the Architectural Profession in the great Empire State of New York.

UNTIL the Convention date, when I can greet you personally-"Greetings!"

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### PROGRAM 1950 CONVENTION

### New York State Association of Architects

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held on 10th FLOOR OF THE HOTEL SYRACUSE

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#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Early arrivals will assemble in the main lobby adjacent to the Cavalier Room 7:00 P. M. and join with members of the Syracuse Society of Architects for informal dinners in the Persian Terrace.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

REGISTRATION 8:30 A. M.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION— East end of Ballroom 10:00 A. M. Report of the Secretary Report of the Board Report of Committees Report of the Treasurer Report of Nominating Committee

OPENING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

JUDGING OF ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITS 11:00 A. M. 1:00 P. M.

LUNCHEON-WEST END OF BALLROOM Invocation: The Reverend Msgr. Joseph B. Toomey, Director of Catholic

Charities, Syracuse, New York

Toastmaster: L. A. Waasdorp, Rochester, New York

Welcome: Thorvald Pederson, President, Syracuse Society of Architects Response: Henry V. Murphy, President, New York State Association of

Greetings: Mayor Thomas J. Corcoran

Speaker: Ralph Walker, President, American Institute of Architects

Announcements

SEMINAR-Parlor "E" 2:30 P. M.

Subject: Traditional versus Modern Architecture

Leader: Douglas Haskell, Architectural Editor of "Forum"

Traditional: Edgar Williams, New York City Modern: Philip Johnson, Museum of Modern Art

VISIT EXHIBITS 5:00 P. M.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION — BALLROOM 7:00 P. M.

Cocktails

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION — EAST END OF BALLROOM 9:00 A. M.

Election of officers

Report of Resolutions Committee

SEMINAR ON FIRE PREVENTION — PARLOR "F" 11:00 A. M.

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LUNCHEON - WEST END OF BALLROOM Invocation: The Reverend Leon Adkins, D. D., University Methodist Church 1:00 P. M.

Toastmaster: C. Storrs Barrows, Rochester, New York

Speakers: John Schenck, President, Syracuse Manufacturers' Association

Subject: Business Conditions Edgar R. Arthur, Professor of Architecture, University of Toronto 2:30 P.M. SEMINAR ON LANDSCAPING-PARLOR "F" Gilmore D. Clarke, President of ASLA, New York City 4:00 P. M. VISIT EXHIBITS ATTEND NATIONAL CERAMIC EXHIBIT — TRUSTEE'S TEA Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts, 407 James Street 8:00 P.M. Annual Dinner — Ballroom (Dress Optional) Invocation: The Reverend Arthur W. Mielke, D. D., Park Central Presbyterian Church Toastmaster: Henry V. Murphy, New York State Association of Architects Speaker: George E. Sokolsky Topic: "These Days" Presentation of Certificates of Award in Architectural Design: S. Elmer Chambers Announcements

10:30 P. M. VISIT EXHIBITS

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

9:00 A. M. FINAL BUSINESS SESSION — EAST END OF BALLROOM

11:30 A. M. VISIT EXHIBITS

12:30 P. M. LUNCHEON — BALLROOM

Invocation: The Reverend Elsworth C. Reamon, D.D., Betts' Memorial Universalist Church

Toastmaster: James Wm. Kideney, Buffalo, New York

Speaker: General Lucius D. Clay Subject: "World Affairs"

Announcements

2:30 P. M. Organization meeting of new officers—Parlor "F" Convention adjourned

#### Women's Program

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

7:00 P. M. Informal dinner with members and wives of Syracuse Society of Architects in the Persian Terrace.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

1:00 P. M. Luncheon, Bridge — Onondaga Country Club

7:00 P. M. President's Reception — Ballroom Cocktails — Buffet — Dancing

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON — Persian Terrace

2:30 P. M. SIGHT SEEING TOURS OF SYRACUSE

4:00 P. M. Attend National Ceramic Exhibit — Trustee's Tea Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts, 407 James Street Shopping trips in and about Syracuse

8:00 P. M. Annual Banquet — Ballroom

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

12:30 P. M. Luncheon — Ballroom

2:30 P. M. INSPECTION TRIPS ABOUT SYRACUSE

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#### CONVENTION SPEAKERS



GEORGE SOKOLSKY — well known columnist, author and lecturer. Feature speaker of the annual dinner at the Syracuse Convention in November, his knowledge of far-eastern affairs will make his observations of especial interest at this critical time.



GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY War time administrator of occupied Germany. A feature speaker during the Convention, his first-hand information of Europe parallels that of George Sokolsky in the Orient and will serve to assist in proper evaluation of the present world situation.



Onondaga Golf and County Club, where women of the Convention will be entertained at luncheon, 1:00 P.M., Thursday, November 2, 1950.

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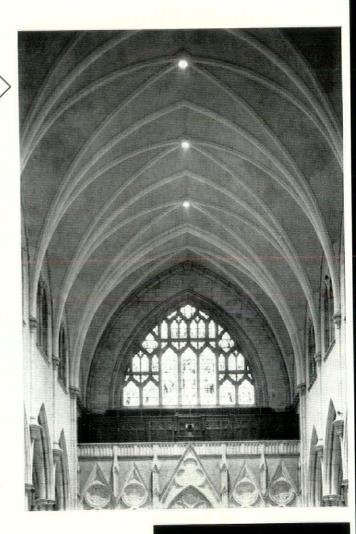
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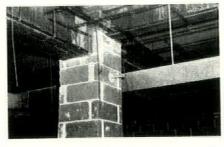
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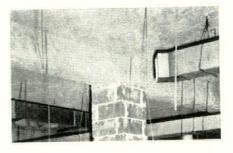
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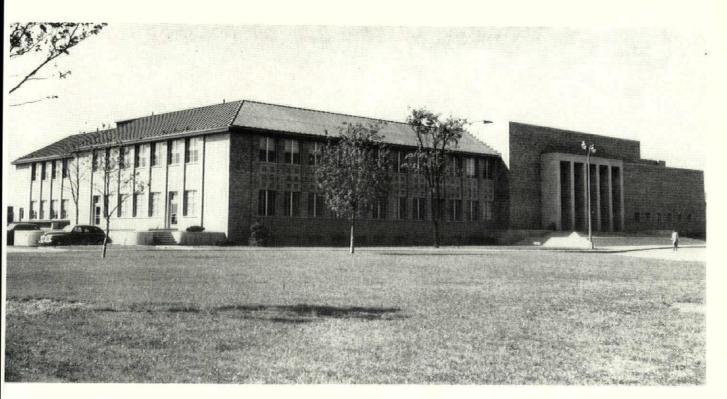
### CONVENTION CITY FOR 1950

BY WALTER L. WELCH

**S**YRACUSE, Convention City of the New York State Association of Architects for 1950, is the hub of a thriving metropolitan area. Although census figures recently released credit Syracuse with something better than 220,000 inhabitants, representing an increase of about 14,000 since the last census, the remainder of Onondaga County has increased by 30,000.

Many of the newer and larger industries of the Syra-

cuse area are located outside of its corporate borders. The most important of these from an employment standpoint is General Electric's new Electronics Park at Liverpool. This has been but recently completed and now employs in radio and television production about 8,800, or nearly twice the number envisioned when construction began in 1946. There are nine major buildings—all air conditioned, situated in a



General Electric Co. – Electronics Park Reception Building (No. 2)



General Electric Co.—Electronics Park Air View

spacious, landscaped environment quite unlike that so often associated with industrial plants.

▲ S a project involving large scale group planning for maximum efficiency and also to provide utmost comfort, health and enjoyment to all employees, Electronics Park is certain to be of interest to many architects attending the convention in November. For this reason, a tour of the buildings is being arranged for those who would like to inspect this most modern group of related and integrated structures.



Terminal Building, Hancock Airfield

George H. Ketcham, Architect



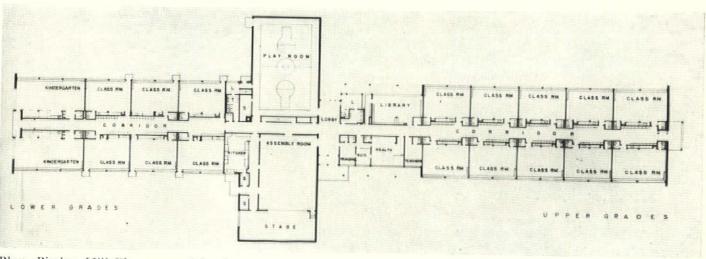
Cicero Elementary School

Harry A. and F. Curtis King, Architects Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley, Associate Architects

Near Syracuse and not far from Electronics Park is the new airport of Syracuse, Hancock Airfield. This has been converted from the former U. S. Army Airbase at Mattydale. Large crowds have been visiting the airport to inspect the facilities provided for the public and the administrative staff through the complete and ingenious reconstruction of existing buildings and new construction designed by George H.

Ketcham, Architect, and his men. The illumination of the interior of the Terminal Building has received an award from the General Electric Co., one of eight citations for installations in cities of over 200,000 population.

THE new multi-million dollar state Thru-Way passes the airport and Electronics Park. The bridges over



Plan-Pitcher Hill Elementary School

Harry A. and F. Curtis King, Architects Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley, Associate Architects

the highways and the cloverleaves to serve them and other nearly points are about complete. Grading is completed for this portion of the Thru-Way, contracts for surfacing have been let and this link may be placed in operation by the end of this year.

Also north of the city, at Pitcher Hill and Cicero, are now under construction two elementary schools worthy of attention. An unusual classroom arrangement has been provided in which each room has two individual toilets. Wardrobes are situated off the corridors. The construction is light weight steel, with continuous windows. The cost was about 70c/cu. ft., or about \$800. per pupil. The architects were Harry A. and F. Curtis King; and Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley, associated architects.

Harry A. and F. Curtis King are also responsible for two other buildings of uncommon interest, especially to specialists. One is the 180 bed addition to St. Joseph's Hospital, now in progress, and the Merchants National Bank & Trust Co. Drive-In Bank, recently completed.\* The hospital well illustrates the manner in which modern design may be blended with that of earlier periods with entirely harmonious results. More important, however, is the manner in which the multitudinous requirements of modern hos-

pital service and technical equipment are coordinated with the human space dimensions and requirements.

THE Merchants National Bank & Trust Co. Drive-In Bank is, as might be expected, somewhat spectacular because of the sheer novelty of designing a bank primarily for the convenience of the motoring public. However, the practicality of doing this has been well tested by means of temporary facilities maintained at the main offices of the bank for some years previously and which has now been discontinued. The main banking offices are about two blocks away from the Drive-In Bank. It is estimated that by this separation of services and at low cost, the capacity for service to the public of existing facilities and personnel has been greatly extended.

Along with Syracuse, Syracuse University has had phenomenal growth within comparatively few years. A building fund of 15 million dollars has been raised to extend its physical plant to match that part of its war-time growth which is expected to be permanent. Recently completed is a huge dining hall on the campus at the rear of Simm's Hall. To be constructed on 'Mount Olympus,' adjacent to the campus is Shaw Dormitory, for girls. Now under construction is a new gymnasium, in part a reconstruction of Archbold Gymnasium which burned last year.



St. Joseph's Hospital

\* See Cover for Illustration

Harry A. and F. Curtis King, Architects



Proposed Women's Building Syracuse University

Lorimer Rich and Robbins Conn, Architects Harry A. and F. Curtis King, Associate Architects



Proposed Shaw Dormitory at Syracuse University

Lorimer Rich and Robbins Conn, Architects Harry A. and F. Curtis King, Associate Architects

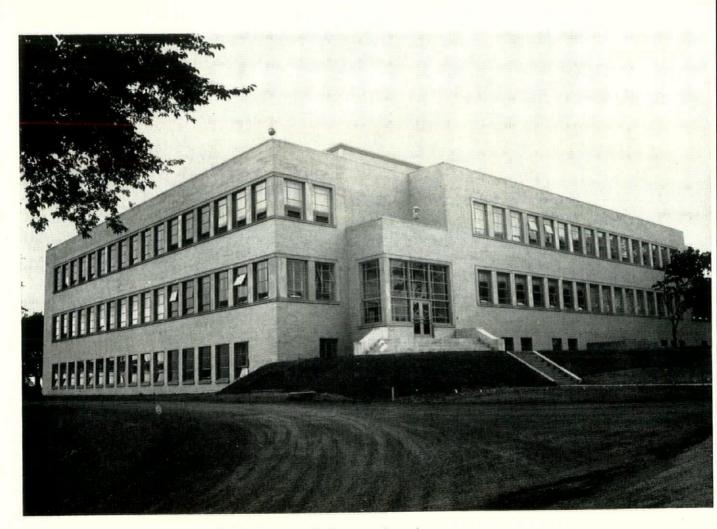
THE main gymnasium area will accommodate three full size collegiate basketball courts and is spanned by 100 ft. rigid frame steel members. The new swimming pool will have the south and west sides of continuous aluminum windows approximately 28 feet in height. The university expansion program is being designed by Lorimer Rich and Robbins Conn of New York, with Harry A. and F. Curtis King as associate architects.

The newly created State University of New York has taken over the former College of Medicine of Syracuse University, and which is to be the nucleus of a great new medical center. Nearby at the present time are three large hospitals, beside the Syracuse Psycopathic hospital, which is state owned. A new federal Veterans' Administration hospital is now under construction almost immediately adjacent to the

Medical College. This is a 500 bed hospital and probably will be enclosed by Convention time.

A LSO worthy of the attention of specialists is Le Moyne College, initial units of which are the nucleus of a new campus located on one of Syracuse's eastern hills opposite that dominated by Syracuse University. This new addition to higher education facilities of the Syracuse area has been named by its Jesuit founders in honor of Father Le Moyne, one of the first religious leaders to visit the site of future Syracuse and reputedly the discoverer of the salt springs on the banks of Onondaga Lake and which played an important part in the history in the development of the city and the Erie Canal.

In fact, this finding of salt was responsible for the location here of one of its present great industries,



Exterior of Solvay Process Division's new alkali research and technical service laboratory at Syracuse, New York. This million dollar structure is of concrete and steel frame construction, faced with buff-colored brick. It provides some 40,000 square feet of floor area.

the Solvay Process Co., now a division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. This company is now engaged in replacing their many large buildings with modern structures. One that we believe will interest many architects is the Research building, recently dedicated.

In various parts of the city, there are private housing projects, some of which have received some attention in architectural publications, such as Centennial Gardens. There is also a state low cost housing project now under construction on the east side known as Salt City Homes, which architects engaged in similar work may care to inspect.

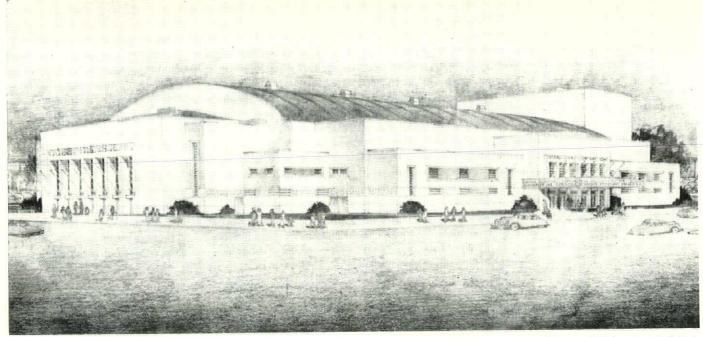
Space will not permit details of other equally important projects but full information will be available to all attending the Convention.

JUST one block from Hotel Syracuse is now being erected the Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium, by Edgarton & Edgarton, Engineer and Architect Associates, winners of the design competition last year. This is to be a reinforced concrete building, with widespan concrete rib arch construction. The span between supports is 200 ft. The capacity for hockey is 6800 persons. The auditorium can be converted readily for use as a music hall, with seating of about 3,000 for normal concert use, but expandable to 9,000 for special event purposes. A permanent feature is a Memorial Hall, in which the names of Onondaga County's war veterans are to be permanently inscribed upon bronze plaques upon walls of marble. This hall is to be reserved for the use of veterans' organizations



Progress Photo, June 23, 1950 War Memorial Auditorium

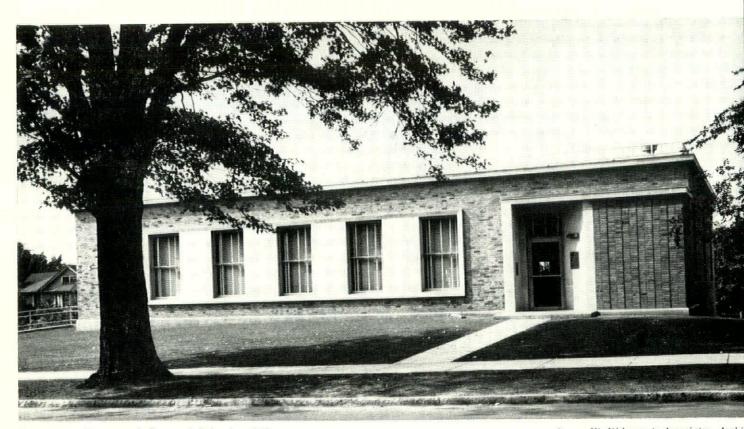
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Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium

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and memorial services. Although open to the public, this hall will not be used for any entertainment or commercial purpose. However, space available elsewhere in the building, on the first floor and basement, for convention purposes, etc., will total about 80,000 sq. ft.



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### Reason Versus Emotion in Architecture

BY ROY JONES

F.A.I.A., Professor and Head, School of Architecture, University of Minnesota, U.S.A.—a paper given before the VII Congress of Pan American Architects.

Many years of experience in architecture have made me extremely conscious of a certain dichotomy in architectural thinking. It springs from the manyfaceted nature of architecture itself, which is at one and the same time an art and a science. The art of architecture proceeds from emotion; the science, from reason. To reconcile the two is one of the basic problems, not only of architectural practice, but also of architectural education.

We all hold to an ideal that our architectural emotions should be solidly based on objective reasoning. But I find myself asking this question. How much of our design really proceeds from investigation, analysis and reasoned objectivity? Does it not often proceed from individualistic personal preferences; from imposed fashions, both traditional and modern; or perhaps from firmly fixed habits;—in other words, from esoteric and emotional and subjective rather than objective and demonstrable considerations?

It seems to me there are cross purposes here which are symtomatic of a present day architectural dilemma. The architect claims to be the expert advisor on building problems, the coordinator of technologies, the organizer of space to meet human need-all of which involve reasoned objectives, which need to be rationally and objectively, not emotionally and subjectively, arrived at. But-we have continued to get ourselves so tarred with what appears to the public as an aesthetic or emotional brush that we have been relegated, in too much of both the past and present, to the grandiose, the costly, and the exceptional kind of building. The aesthetic habit goes deep. Even while the American Institute of Architects labors to get its members accepted as part of the functional economy of every day life, its own official Handbook of Practice proclaims in its opening sentence that architecture is primarily a fine art.

Too often some of us seem unable to objectively appraise arrangements of space, structure, and materials because we cannot overcome our dislike for the unfamiliar external forms that result from these arrangements. Strip some designers of a certain machinery of decorative detail—the string courses, cornices, columns, and enframements of classic architecture, for instance, and they're lost. By the same token—dare I say it?—if you strip other designers of the currently fashionable externals of so-called modernism, I suspect they would be just as badly lost. Ribbon windows, flowing space, trapezoidal shapes, pinpoint supported slabs and flat roofs can emotionalize our judgment just as effectively as the Five Orders.

It may be remembered how, in my own generation's youth, we forced and pushed and prodded to make plans symmetrical; how we piled up gargantuan masses of pseudo masonry to make a fine, striking "Point de pochet." Some of us know, too, how present day students sweat and toil—almost shed tears and blood—to make even naturally symmetrical plans unsymmet-

rical; how they pare down their walls and columns to gossamer thinness, so that if a pipe or duct has run anywhere through them you get much the same effect as though a thin, elongated, sculptured Gothic saint had swallowed a watermelon.

Yes—architecture seems to be afflicted with a kind of schizophrenia. We are torn between two oppositing desires. We want to be the scientific, technical, executive, rational and objective beings that we would like the public to believe we are. But we like—Oh, how we like—to indulge in irresponsible self-expressions, to proceed on intuitive judgments, to follow emotionally induced predilections for certain aesthetic fastions. One suspects that even some of our most articulate architectural theoreticians, instead of proceeding objectively, are actually only rationalizing what the subjectively like.

If the public does not make as much use of our skill as it should, could it be because we have no clear-cut conviction about how to apply our skill—and onsequently no way of explaining it convincingly? Despite all the building that has gone on in the United tates during the last century, despite the efforts of some fifty schools to train architects, there is little evicence of a design tradition that is even partially unders andable, communicable, and influential so far as the reat mass of building is concerned.

Don't mistake me. There are obviously able designers among us, who as individuals have that fundamental objectivity about design that produces satisfying buildings. But the point is that not enough of us appear to have had it to create and exploit a kind of building design whose appeal is so strong, whose qualities of "commodity, firmness and delight" are so unmistakable, that everybody appears to have achieved it. Why can't we?

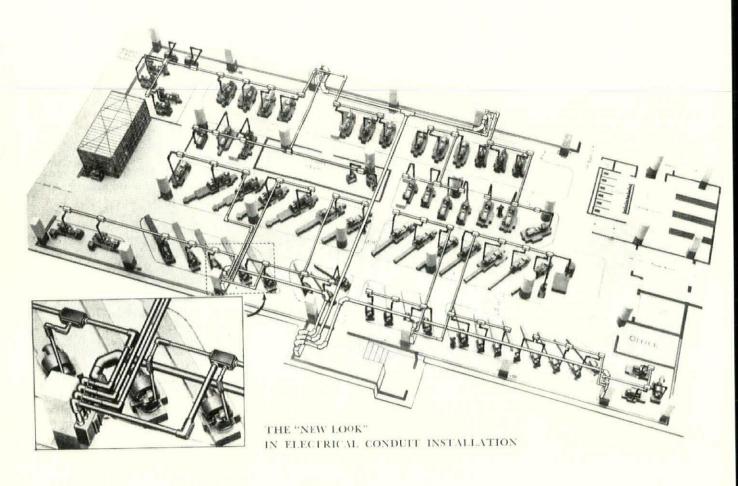
How much all this is due to a deep-rooted maladjustment in our age and time—to that conflict bet ween thinking and feeling, which Gideon expounds in his Space, Time and Architecture, I shall not try to say. I'd like only to try out a few ideas on some of the more immediate and every day things that seem to help or hinder us to achieve a more complete objectivit in architectural design. Most of them have to do with architectural training, because that is the field with which I am naturally most familiar.

I suspect the schools must bear a large share of responsibility for the state of affairs I've presented. By their very nature they are artificial—and no true stitute for experience. Schools lack two essential elements in the design process. Students have no clients to work for, and they cannot build the designs they create.

In such an atmosphere, it is insidiously easy subjective attitudes to sprout. Coupled with the sist is the fact that your potential architect is usually a per-

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## NEW IDEAS IN ELECTRICAL LAYOUT USING RIGID CONDUIT AND CAST FITTINGS



When planning a new electrical installation, whether large or small, it will be well to determine beforehand whether the method considered will: (1) meet the present requirements, (2) provide for future expansion or change, (3) give mechanical protection to the electrical conductors, (4) assure maximum safety to personnel, equipment, and the plant, (5) be economical.

About two years ago when a new addition was planned for a metal working plant that had diverse electrical power requirements, the five points above were presented as the requirements for the electrical installation. Careful advance planning along new lines resulted in a layout which avoided interference with other services and provided the flexibility and spare capacity to

take care of present and future needs.

In planning the installation the designing engineers were called upon to select a wiring system which would be practical and economical for the whole building. Load concentrations varied widely from approximately 200 h. p. per bay to practically no power load per bay. The bays are 30' x 30'. The illustration above shows how the problem was solved.

Overhead distribution was selected to insure the greatest ease in connecting machinery for both the original layout and for changes in the future. Power distribution panels are located along the outside walls and so spaced that all machinery is within 50' of the panel from which its circuit is controlled.

Overhead branch circuits from each panel are carried in 2-inch conduit. In this layout the maximum conduit size was 3 inches. With the conduit system mounted directly on the ceiling, it was easy to avoid interference with fluorescent lighting, ventilating ducts, and other services.

Junction Condulets with interchangeable hub plates are located at frequent intervals to provide a variety of outlets for connection to the machinery.

The advantages of the rigid conduit and Condulet installation incorporating new ideas in layout—new ways of using a familiar timetested system has produced outstanding results in this metal working plant and the same advantages are equally important in every industrial job.



Installation of a rigid conduit and cast fitting system in the modern metal working plant shown in the layout.

#### AMONG THE CONSTITUENTS

BY CYRIL T. TUCKER AND CHARLES V. NORTHRUP

#### BROOKLYN CHAPTER

At the May meeting of the Brooklyn Chapter the members expressed their appreciation of his fine leadership by unanimously re-electing Martyn N. Weston as president.

Other officers elected are: Vito P. Battista, Vice-President; Andrew DiCamillo, Treasurer; Harry Silverman, Secretary. Directors elected are: Maxwell A. Cantor, Joseph Levy, Jr., Harry L. Yakel, and Vincent Pellegrino.

Brooklyn's large representative group took an active part in the discussions and events of the convention. Our past President, James E. Gambaro, as chairman of the Resolution Committee, was closeted for three days tending to that phase of the convention. All the Chapter participants felt the convention was edifying as well as enjoyable.

The Chapter approved the report of the Unification Committee in connection with the by-laws of the proposed architects council of New York City. This group is intended to represent the Chapters and Societies on all matters affecting the profession and public welfare in the metropolitan area.

The Chapter awarded its annual medal for excellence in design to the outstanding graduating student at Pratt Institute, Mr. Joseph A. Merz.



PRIZE WINNERS OF BROOKLYN CHAPTER COMPETITION -1950

Left to right: Edward Tirnetta, first prize; Giles Aureli, second prize; Norman Freedman, third prize; students at Pratt Institute.

The March meeting gave the members some inspiring and encouraging moments as they viewed the submissions of future architects in the 20th annual architectural competition conducted by the Chapter for students and draftsmen in the territorial area of the Chapter.

The subject of the competition, "An Allied Arts Building" was a rather difficult problem commendably presented by the following prize winners, all of Pratt Institute:

> Edward Tirnetta—First Prize of \$100.00 Giles Aureli—Second Prize of \$50.00 Norman Freedman—Third Prize of \$25.00

The jury judging the competition consisted of James G. Carr, Harvey Clarkson, Francis X. Gina, Ladislav L. Rado, and Frederick J. Woodbridge.

Members of the jury representing the Brooklyn Chapter included E. James Gambaro, Clifford F. Hart, Vito P. Battista, Joseph Mathieu and Herman M. Sohn.



JUDGES OF BROOKLYN CHAPTER COMPETITION - 1950

Left to right: Messrs. Joseph Mathieu, Harvey P. Clarkson, Ladislav L. Rado, Vito Battista, E. James Gambaro, Frederick Woodbridge, James Carr, Francis X. Gina, Herman M. Sohn.

The program for this competition was prepared by the Education Committee under the capable direction of its chairman, Vito P. Battista.

In line with the Chapter's keen interest in educational activities, the members were given an enlightening picture on the progress of education by the speaker of the evening, Dr. E. S. Burdell, Director of Cooper Union Institute. He stated that eight times as many youths graduate from High School and that three and one-half times as many enroll in colleges today as did in 1900. His main theme was centered on the spiritual problems which confront the educator.

Although the schools are teaching a great number of skills, it is open to question whether they are equipping young men and women to use these skills.

He felt that students should be taught to have a sense of values as well as facts and that learning and wisdom must be woven into the same fabric.

Another educator, Olindo Grossi, Chairman of the Department of Architecture at Pratt Institute, capped off the educational sentiments of the evening by expressing his appreciation for the cordial relations that exist between the Brooklyn Chapter and Pratt Institute.

#### CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

This eident Chapter, which encompasses 26 counties of the most beautiful part of New York State in its territory, held its Spring meeting at historic Cooperstown. This was one of the meetings to which the member's wives were cordially invited, and 65 members, wives and guests were in attendance. In view of the amiable ambient atmosphere the meeting was held on the grass terrace at the rear of the dining room following a sumptuous repast.

Following the business meeting and reports of the Convention, the members heard an interesting talk by Mr. Bernard Thompson of Progressive Architecture on "It's the Law." He brought out the interesting point that an architect in agreeing to make contracts between the contractor and the owner is in reality practicing law, and that this point might be used to invalidate his whole contract. If he only agrees to assist the owner in making his contract with the builder, it is all right.

After dinner the members were treated to an illustrated lecture by Mr. N. A. Toruno, Director of Landscape Architecture of Syracuse University, on "Landscaping as Related to Architectural Plans." The Architect's wives were particularly interested in some of the garden treatments shown, and we detected many a future backache for the men present in the enthu-

siasm of their wives at the gardens.

It was at this meeting that Mr. Faragher, President of the Rochester Society, announced a proposed resolution for the State Association which the Society was instigating for the purpose of getting an Executive Secretary to handle matters for the State Association. He cited New Jersey, who has one, and other smaller and more local organizations who have found the idea

practical and expedient.

The next meeting for Officers and Directors only. was held at Taughannock Inn, Taughannock Falls, N. Y., July 29th; the big meeting will be at White Face Inn, Lake Placid, N. Y. on September 23. At this meeting to which the wives are invited, the members of the Albany Chapter will also attend. Also at this meeting the Architectural Exhibit will be held and Honor Awards made. Awards will be made:

1. On architectural Design in various building

classifications.

2. To Owners of buildings receiving design awards.

3. To members who have distinguished themselves

in public and professional service.

The Chapter has received many favorable comments on its attractive booklet, "Membership Directory and Program" which was gotten up by the Attainments Committee under the leadership of Webster C. Moul-

#### ROCHESTER SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

The Society has begun to recover from the summer vacations during which there was only one event. That, however, is the one event of the year all loyal Rochester architects always attend. From far and near they gathered once more at Sullivan's (H. H., that is) at Canandaigua Lake for one of the very best of Sully's famous picnics. Boat rides, swimming, badminton, and believe it or not, croquet, were enjoyed by the crowd. No one got a bit wet this year, from boating I mean, but one boatload ran into engine trouble and were towed back just in time to avert starvation. A wonderful supper was served up by Sully and Mrs. Sully. The whole membership arrived home safely but it is reported at least two members lost their way en route and didn't get back on the trail until very

The Board of Directors met in informal session at Sully's party and made plans for the program for the months to follow. Nick Masucci, Program Chairman, reported that the first event would be a clambake at Frank Quinlan's cottage at Conesus Lake. The regular noon luncheon meeting will be resumed at the Chamber of Commerce.

#### BUFFALO-WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

The Moeller Architectural Scholarship committee recently intervewed several applicants and made recommendations to the Buffalo Foundation that \$2330.00 be distributed to the four following students:

Otto F. Andert-University of Michigan

Philip C. Cipolla—Rensselaer

Robert T. Coles-University of Minnesota Robert R. Majewski-Syracuse University

These scholarships are awarded each year to Architectural students from the eight Western New York counties and who have lived in Buffalo for at least two years. It was made available throught the will of Edward Moeller-a Buffalo Architect who died two

Members of the committee interviewing the applicants are: Anthony Betz, David Crane, Rufus Meadows, George Dick Smith, Jr. and O. W. Shelgren,

chairman.



PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION at 1950 A.I.A. CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

Back Row: Pat Papadopulos, Chicago Chapter; Howard L. Cheney, Chicago Chapter; Wakefield Worcester, Connecticut Chapter. Front Row: Mrs. Howard L. Cheney, Mrs. E. J. Gambaro, E. J. Gambaro, Brooklyn Chapter.

#### NEW YORK CHAPTER

Chairmen for the coming year of all the various active committees of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects were announced recently by Harry M. Prince, president.

In making known the new committee heads, Mr. Prince thanked the retiring chairmen and members for their untiring efforts and the great services they had rendered to the people, the city and to the archi-

tectural profession.

New committee chairmen are as follows: Kenneth K. Stowell, education; Howard Stokes Patterson, fees and contracts; Robert B. O'Connor, finance; Ely J. Kahn, housing; John H. Callender, small house; Jack Bruno Basil, LeBrun scholarship; Lessing W. Williams, architects emergency; Eldredge Snyder, awards; Milton Glass, by-laws; Richard Boring Snow, yearbook and register; James B. Newman, codes; John A. Thompson, admissions; Ben John Small, activities; Daniel Schwartzman, criticism and esthetics; Francis W. Roudebush, Brunner scholarship; Morris Ketchum, Jr., civilian defense; Richard Roth, legislation; John P. Jansson, membership; Maxfield F. Vogel, professional forum; Geoffrey N. Lawford, public relations; Edwin W. Forbes, technical; L. Bancel LaFarge, visiting architects.



## CURTAIN Walls

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STAINLESS
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CONSTRUCTION

Cross-sectional view of one type of curtain wall construction shows STAINLESS RIGIDIZED METAL on the exterior surface. (Pattern No. 5-WL) This system should give fire resistant ratings from 2 to 4 hours and also meets wind tests.

## New material developed for building panels means less dead weight, saves space, and reduces costs

Light weight curtain walls are opening up an entirely new conception and approach to building. The revision of building codes in the large cities has encouraged the producers of building materials to devote the time and money for research and development. Furthermore, new model codes are being drawn up by several national groups which may be adopted by local codes that will permit the use of lighter, thinner walls, as long as certain fire resistance tests are met.

Curtain walls offer a number of outstanding advantages in construction work. Due to their light weight, panels can be larger and require less handling. Thinner walls provide extra floor space. Elimination of joints and the use of non-porous surfaces, such as steel, permit no water absorption. Easier to clean surfaces reduce maintenance, and increased thermal insulation means corresponding savings in heating costs.

Many new materials have been developed for curtain wall facings, but most of the interest has been de-

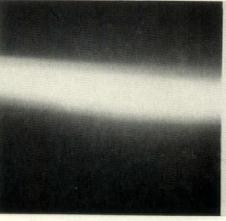
voted to metal faced walls and panels. These include copper-faced panels, aluminum in cast, sheet, or extruded form, and particularly stainless steel. Stainless steel, with its lifetime qualities withstands weathering and its resistance to fire is very good.

Rigidized Metals Corporation of Buffalo, New York, has taken a keen interest in the development of curtain wall facings. They have specialized in producing design-strengthened and textured stainless steel sheets and strip in various standard patterns, ranging from .005" depth to .325" in depth. The pattern serves several purposes—it allows the panel to follow the natural lines of expansion and contraction, eliminates distortion, (oil canning) and reduces objectionable glare. The architect can also develop his own texture provided the job is of sufficient size to warrant special tooling. Designs can be engineered to unusual depths.

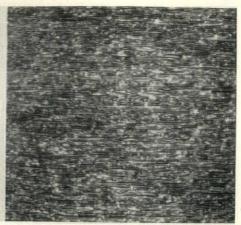
This design-strengthened and textured stainless steel provides greatly increased strength-weight ratios over



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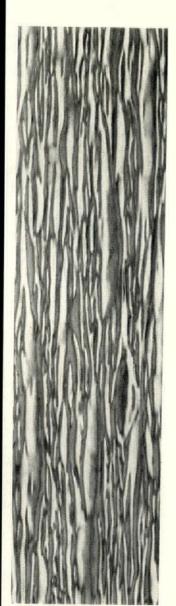


Commercial finish Stainless Steel



Pattern No. 1-CS (Horizontal)

This picture was taken under identical lighting conditions and illustrates how Stainless Rigidized Metal provides improved light diffusion and eliminates distortion and glare.



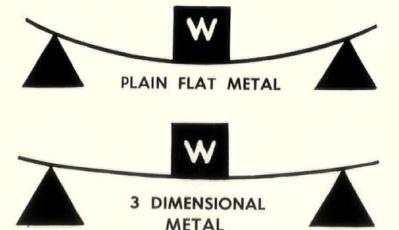
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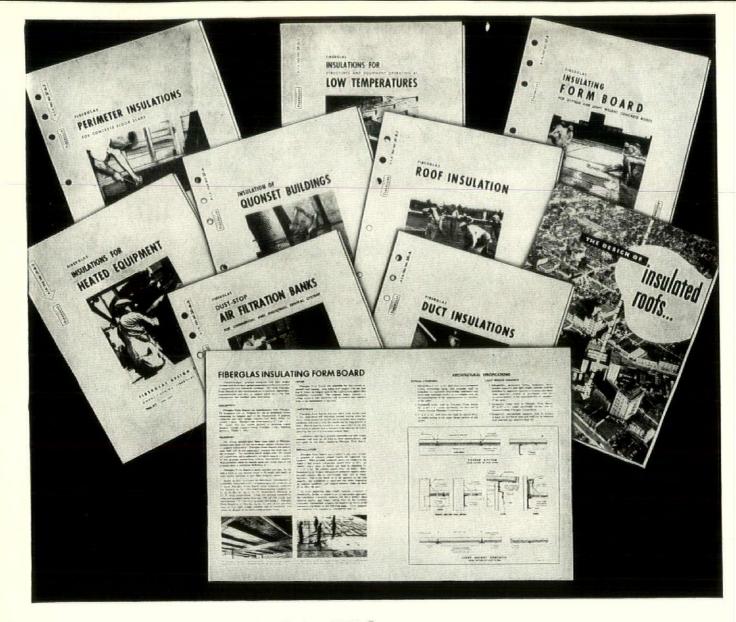
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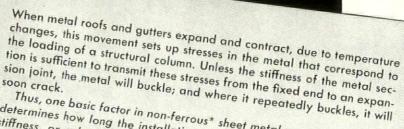
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#### THAT NECESSARY EVIL. THE ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER

By Thomas H. McKaig

I have often been grateful to a friend who has called my attention to a particularly useful magazine article on some subject in connection with my work,—usually in a magazine which does not ordinarily interest me. It occurred to me that you too might be interested similarly in magazines outside the range of the architectural group to which you may subscribe.

The Engineering News-Record frequently contains articles of interest to the Architect. Among other recent articles in which you will be interested is an article in the June 29th issue on a new method of pouring the second floor and roof slabs of a building in San Antonio one directly over the other and on the finished first floor slab, then jacking them bodily into place and welding them there. The article claims a saving of 54 cents a square foot for the system.

If you are interested in swimming pools, either in connection with school design, athletic clubs or municipal playgrounds, there is a 16 page symposium on their design in the August 17, 1950 issue of the Engineering News-Record. It is quite complete and covers size, shape, details, decks and springboards, lighting, bathhouses, showers, water purification and management with a two page statistical summary of information pertaining to 28 pools. All in all it is about the most up-to date information I know of on this subject.

An article in the July 27, 1950 issue of Engineering News-Record takes up the subject of Lightweight Aggregates and their use. It is based on a pamphlet recently issued by the U. S. Government Printing Office which carries the result of Bureau of Standard tests. Other articles in Engineering News-Record which I find of value are their Building Cost Index Tables which enable me to follow price trends,—and the Notes on Legal Decisions which, in my opinion, are of particular interest to anyone whose duty it is to write specifications.

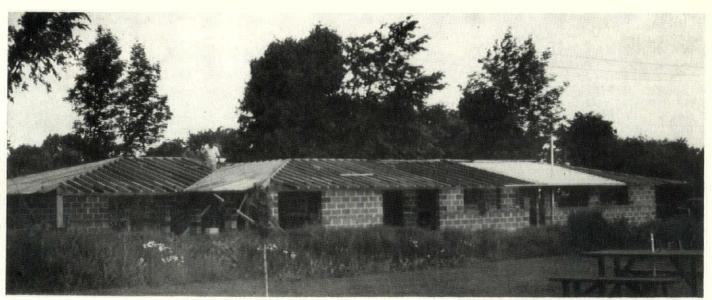
If you do not already subscribe to it, you will be interested in Practical Builder, a magazine which specializes in the practical rather than the artistic side of the profession,—particularly with regard to house construction. I have found that their editorial comments are particularly useful in keeping up with the economics and trends of our building construction industry,—and certainly it is good policy for any architect to keep posted on the reasons for expecting increases or decreases in construction costs. Moreover, it is the only magazine that I have found which gives a lot of space to the thousand and one little details which we all should know but unfortunately we don't. Too often they have been beneath our dignity or something.

Incidentally,—and here is a tip for the editors of our Empire State Architect,—would it not be worth while to devote half a column or so in each issue to a brief summary of the articles of interest to architects in the various architectural and engineering magazines which have appeared in the past two months,—not a complete review but a summary to tell us whether our line of work requires us to look it up and read it?

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#### NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

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#### Architects Plan for Defense

Ralph Walker, President of A.I.A., has announced a comprehensive program to be spearheaded by a new National Defense Committee headed by past president

Douglas W. Orr of New Haven, Conn.

Many prominent architects have already been named to the committee and others are being added from among the chairmen of the standing committees of the Institute dealing with nuclear sciences, government relations, schools, hospitals, urban planning, housing, etc.

The committee is now actively at work upon problems relating to government control of building materials, reorganization of public housing, redevelopment and research programs as well as more immedi-

ate defense activities.

The committee's present organization was described as "tentative" and suggestions for the development of a comprehensive policy were invited from local chapters of the Institute. Most of the committee's work

will eventually be local in character.

Among those already serving on the committee are Howard L. Cheney, Chicago; John Reed Fugard, Chicago; Harold Dana Hauf, New York; Harry M. Prince, New York; Perry Coke Smith, New York; Glenn Stanton, Portland, Oregon; Harold Buckley Willis, Boston; and Kenneth E. Wischmeyer, St. Louis.

#### Architects, Engineers and City Planners Form Committee to Coordinate Work

An emergency committee to coordinate the services of technical peoples engaged in large-scale construction has been formed under the auspices of the American Institute of Architects. Roy F. Larsen of Philadelphia heads the new committee whose program is hailed as a move toward real and continuing collaboration among architects, civil and mechanical engineers, landscape architects, city planners and others in

the design professions.

The immediate objective of the committee is to make it easier for individuals having special technical or professional abilities to be of maximum service to the government in the present emergency. Varying methods of practice and the absence of a clear-cut undertsanding of the scope of each of these professions have in the past led to some confusion when collaboration has been attempted. It is believed that with the recommendations of this joint committee as a guide, members of each of the collaborating professions can more clearly determine their respective parts in any specific type of project.

Earliest named members of the executive committee were A. D. Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio, representing the American Society of Landscape Architects and S. Logan Kerr of Philadelphia, Pa., representing the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Representatives of the American Institute of Planners, The American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American In-

stitute of Decorators attended the organization meeting and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers have been invited to participate in the future work of the group.

## Architects Pledge Cooperation with Civil Defense Authorities

Copies of the following resolution adopted at a July 13 meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter, A.I.A. have been forwarded by Harry M. Prince, president, to the individuals named in the last paragraph.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, plans are being developed to assure the most effective utilization of the City's manpower and protection of the civilian population in the event of war, and

Whereas, policies requiring the best technological skills are requisites for such plans and for unifying protective measures and related structural protection; therefore, be it Resolved, that the New York Chapter of the American

RESOLVED, that the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, as a result thereof establish a Committee known as the Committee on Civilian Defense, members of which shall be appointed by the President of the Chapter with the recommendations of the Executive Committee to aid and assist in the consummation of these objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Honorable Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of the State of New York; General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the State Civilian Defense Committee; Honorable William O'Dwyer, Mayor of the City of New York; and Honorable Arthur W. Wallander, City Director of Civil Defense, for their attention

and consideration.

New York, N. Y., July 13, 1950

A similar resolution by the Syracuse Society was sent to Governor Dewey, General Clay, the Honorable Thomas J. Corcoran, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, and Colonel Harvey S. Smith, Director of Civil Defense of Onondaga County in which Syracuse is located.

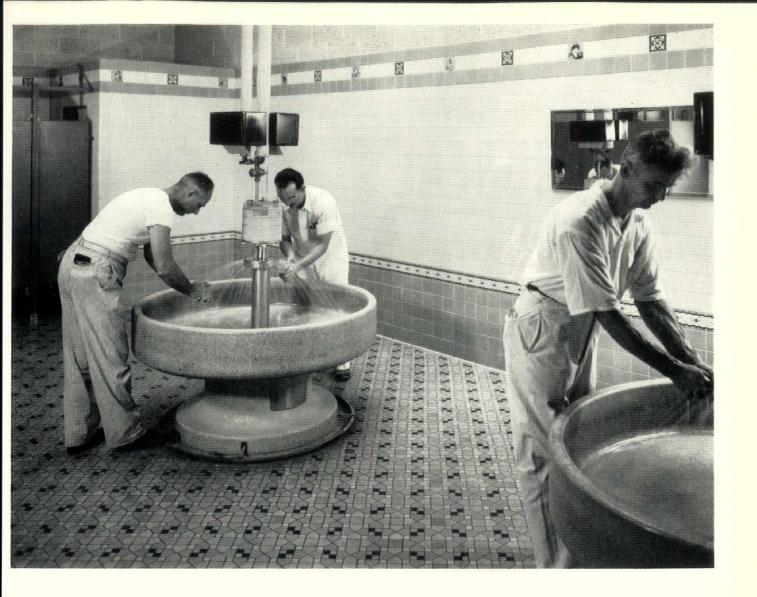
#### Education

Gilmore D. Clarke, A.I.A. (Hon.) has resigned as Dean of the College of Architecture of Cornell University after twelve years of service. Mr. Clarke will devote his full time to his landscape architecture and engineering practice in New York City. Thomas W. Mackesey, A.I.A., has been appointed Acting Dean.

The Central New York Chapter is establishing a fund to sponsor the attendance of architectural students from Cornell and from Syracuse Universities at the annual A.I.A. conventions. Prizes that the Chapter has offered for some years to students of these schools will be discontinued and the money applied to the

convention fund.

The firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill has established at Cornell University a scholarship with a value of \$1000 a year for an architectural student. The scholarship will be awarded to a fifth year student on the basis of scholastic performance and professional promise. The first award has been made to Robert F. Gatje of Brooklyn.



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son of strong, creative urge. This often carries with it intense individuality, a predilection to intuitive judgments, an impatience with scientific processes, and an intense desire for self expression. All these qualities have their values, of course. They shouldn't be suppressed. But if left uncontrolled, they do encourage aesthetic dogmatism instead of discrimination, irresponsible self-expression instead of a realistic acceptance of purposes and limitations.

There are signs that schools are waking up to these difficulties. They are giving more attention to scientific, technological, and analytical studies. There is a more whole-hearted acceptance of structure and equipment as essential and integral factors in design and not just some things that get left to an engineering "George" after all the more architecturally juicy plums have been extracted. More important still, an attitude is developing among students and teachers that re-defines design as an exercise in all phases of the process of producing architecture, and not as something predominently aesthetic. Criticisms and judgments reinforce these attitudes. Some schools have developed for beginners a new kind of Elements of Architecture. It deals, not with superficial decorative details, but with function, space, structure, and visual aspect as essential elements in the design process, amenable to objective analysis and demonstration. It is expected to lay a ground work for the development of discrimination, scientific knowledge, and responsibility for realistic choices, by which the students' creative urge can be guided and controlled. Design problems include the programs of every day life, as something even more worthy of the architect's skill, and more productive of universally good building than the special, the exotic, and the grandiose programs of another day.

It might even be hoped that such kind of training would at least help to make our pursuit of good design more objective. There are occasional hopeful signs. Recently a rampantly individualistic student, who began his thesis with a part of his building on stilts, came to me and said he'd come to the conclusion that there was no logical reason to have it that way except to satisfy an urge to be aesthetically dramatic. He had decided that the reasonable thing to do was to put it down on the ground. Whereupon-marvelous to relate-he discovered that it looked even better! Eventually,-perhaps, we do learn that aesthetic satisfaction is not a first objective, but an end result of building reasonably and well.

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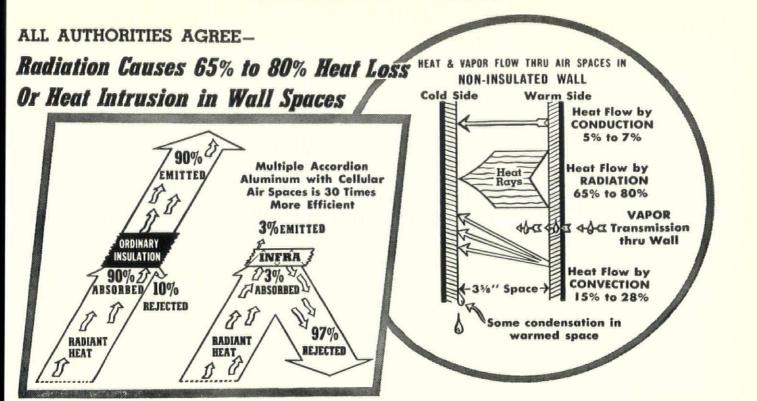
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## Light and Color in Architectural Practice

A paper by Julian E. Garnsey.—United States at the VII Congress of Pan American Architects—held in Havana, Cuba, April 1, 1950.

Since space is perceived by human beings almost entirely through the sense of sight, the wise architect will study light and color, his principal tools for expression. In addition, he will investigate the construction of the eye, through which visual impressions are received, and the interpretations given by the brain to those impressions.

He will find, in his studies, that brightness attracts people, that hues exist in a natural order of brightness, and that color intensity draws attention from grayness. These three simple phenomena form the basis for organized thinking in color. He will use them as functional elements of his design, and will coordinate his composition in light and color with that in space arrangement. One of the systems of color organization will be useful to control his procedures.

Yet light and color are not absolutes. Due to the formation of the seeing mechanism, colors within a visual field appear to modify one another, always in the direction of the complimentary, and textures require adjustment to the capabilities of the eye. Also,—various colors give various impressions as to their lo-

cations in space, a phenomenon generally disregarded in the United States.

While functional, rather than decorative, uses of color are more rewarding to designers of space composition, no conflict is inevitable between the two. In fact, by proper adjustment of relative areas, it may be shown that no color relations are completely disagreeable. Areas are all important, and a skillful proportioning of grayness to expanse is necessary. Within the mind,—associations of ideas connected with warm or cool colors are useful to the architect, though the usual lists of color preferences, obtained by survey, may be disregarded.

Light, considered as illumination alone, affects colors and its influence in a proposed design should be carefully evaluated. The source of light, moreover, must contain rays which can be reflected by the object illuminated. Simple equipment can be made to anticipate the effects of various sources. It is also well to remember that reflected light takes with it a tinge of hue which may act undesirably upon the effects desired.



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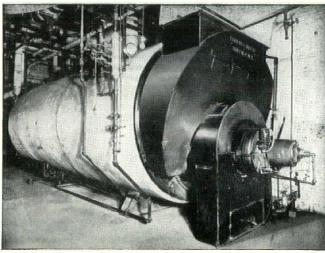
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#### Research Program

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In a letter addressed to Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Finance Agency administrator, in charge of the housing research program, the Institute also asked that efforts to retailor the research program in the light of present-day realities be speeded up. It called for particular stress on the technical rather than the economic aspects of housing research.

The statement noted that Congress is now determining the level of future spending for technical investigations of building questions. It described yesterday's report of a Congressional conference committee as a setback to recent progress in this field. The Institute said the report, if adopted by Congress, would have the effect of cutting in half the research projects now carried on by private research agencies with government aid.

"Many universities, research institutions, and such government agencies as the Bureau of Standards and the Forest Products Laboratory, who are now contracting parties for \$1,400,000 worth of housing research projects, must revise their carefully made future plans and assignments of personnel if Congress persists with its off-again, on-again policy," Edmund R. Purves, the Institute's executive director said here today. "This is not the path of scientific progress but of political whim," he commented.

The Institute recalled, in its statement, that when Congress established the research program two years ago it planned to increase its scope gradually and steadily The program embraces building code reform, measures to standardize building material sizes, and a series of specific inquiries into why concrete blocks crack, what makes basements damp, and other housing defects.

Housing agency officials have signed contracts with the University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, University of Toledo, and Penn State, and other institutions for a decentralized program of studies initiated by the national housing act.

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The Institute's special committee on national defense recently took the position that the defense emergency demands more housing research rather than less. It stated that more building, faster building, more economical building, and the conservation of building materials, all hinged on the results of technical housing research.

#### Education Survey — A.I.A.

The 1950 Survey of the Architectural Profession conducted by the Institute's specially appointed Commission will send out early in September a questionnaire to all AIA members and all other registered architects. This will be the major contribution requested of the members of the profession and will provide to the Commission basic information and opinions regarding education, professional practice

and registration.

The questionnaire has been very carefully designed for brevity, clarity and ease of answering. It is essential to the value of the data that all architects respond promptly. The questionnaire will be anonymous, with a numbered key to the confidential master mailing list to be available to only three members of the Commission for checking certain items, if necessary. This factual material will be essential background for the most complete analysis of the profession ever undertaken and will provide valuable guidance to educators, registration boards and the Institute.

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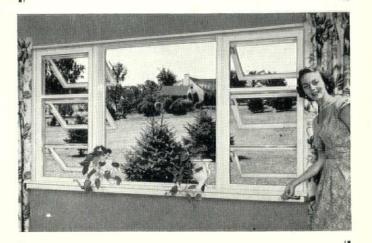
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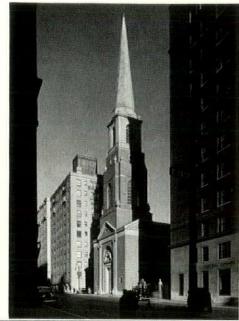
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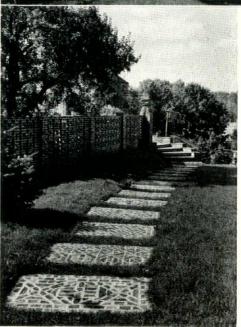
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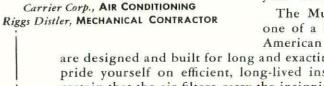
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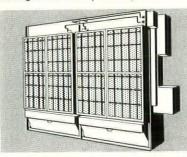
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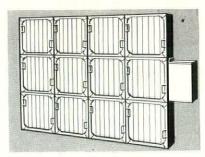
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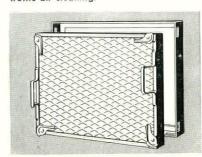
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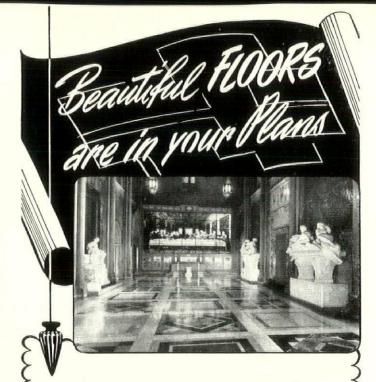
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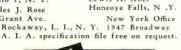
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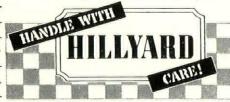
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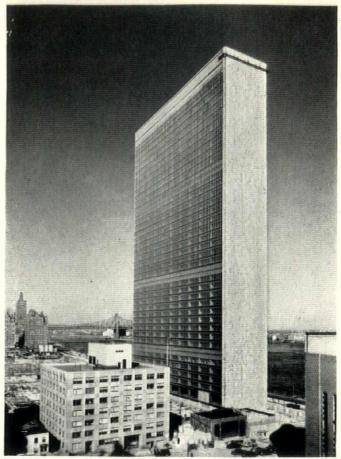
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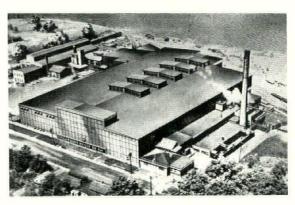
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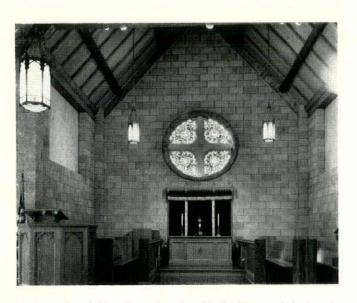
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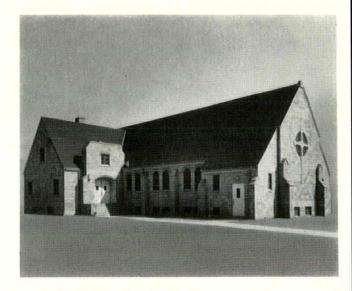
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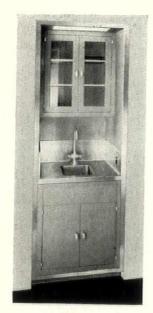
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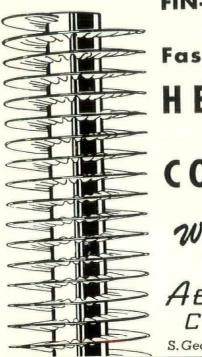
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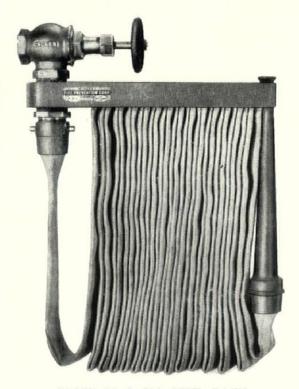


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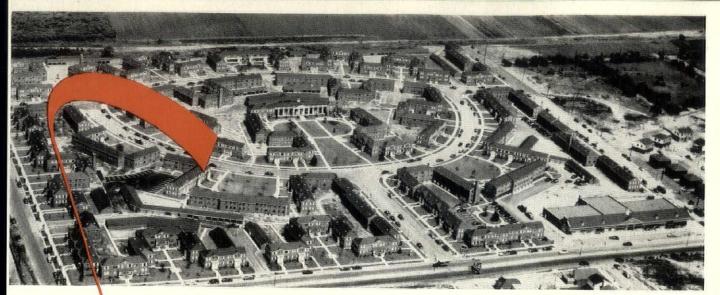
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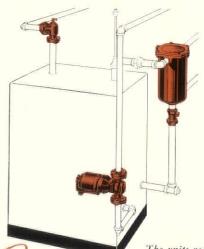
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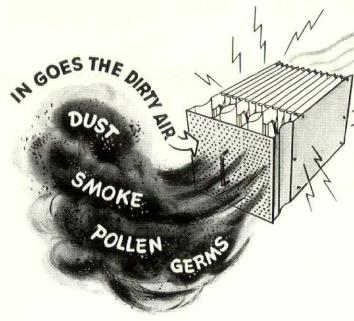
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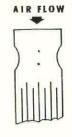




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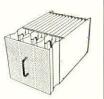
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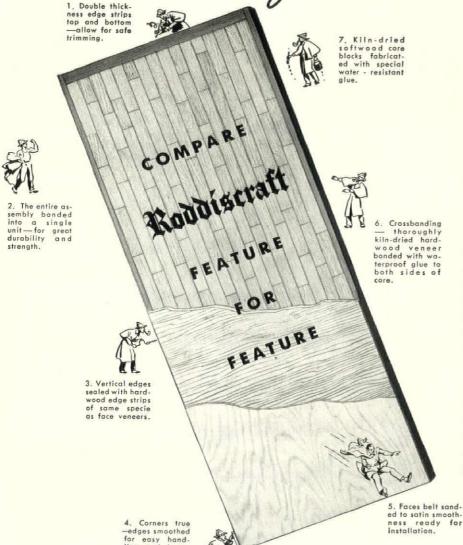
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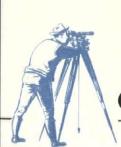
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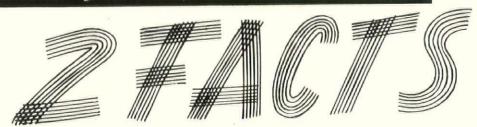
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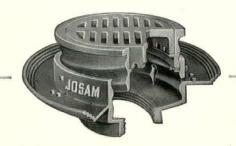




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